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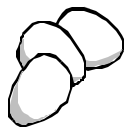
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. Elsewhere, prices ranged unchanged to lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to fairly good, best for feature activity. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. The National shell egg inventory was 2% less than last week. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the light demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to .5 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, slightly better where featured. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. The New England weekly shell egg inventory was 3% more than last Monday. The Pennsylvania inventory was 8% less, but the Delaware/Maryland inventory was 13% higher than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for slaughter needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all reported areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good in most areas. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Monday's inventories were up 2% in Michigan, down 9% in Iowa-Minnesota, 9% higher in Ohio, and 9% lower in Illinois-Indiana. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for present trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 11, 2002 was 54.19 cents, which was 5.60 cents less than a week earlier and 4.52 cents lower than last year. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. The Georgia shell egg inventory was 3% lower than last week and the South Atlantic regional inventory was 11% less than a week ago. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last week with California up 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best where features in progress and planned. Offerings in fair balance.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where features were a factor. The New York shell egg inventory was 5% less and the New Jersey shell egg inventory was 9% more when compared to the previous Monday. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA		
	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	94-96	84-86	54-56
New York	58-62	56-60	42-46
Philadelphia	56-60	55-58	41-44
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-54	46-49	33-36
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	59-69	54-64	42-52
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	48-52	46-50	34-38
Detroit (2)	44-49	43-47	34-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	46-50	45-48	33-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	46-52	34-39
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	66-68	63-65	51-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	80	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 8% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good where features in progress and planned. Offerings in fair balance. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, medium dozen 59, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	102
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	71

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	99-179	MEDIUM	169-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending Oct 18, 2002 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending Oct 11, 2002 were 300,183 cases which was 21 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	258,387	41,796	300,183
% change from the			
prior week.....	+26	-2	+21

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-35	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate and reported as improving. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 14-OCT-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.25-11.5	8-9	8.84

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate and well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE,  
CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK  
OF 14-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	8-9	8.43
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 14, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	18.6	8.6	12.9	11.1	60.3
	Change	-0.8	1.5	-0.3	-0.6	0.2	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.3	53.7	14.8	21.6	30.8	149.2
	Change	-0.8	3.3	-2.2	-4.3	2.3	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	49.1	113.7	80.3	79.6	128.4	451.1
	Change	-1.5	-13.5	-5.7	-7.8	9.1	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	31.9	17.4	24.2	27.9	114.3
	Change	-1.3	-17.9	0.2	-4.4	-1.3	-18%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	6.6	4.9	8.2	11.6	36.5
	Change	-1.5	0.7	-0.7	-0.6	2.0	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	19.4	7.4	15.1	4.4	49.2
	Change	-1.1	1.4	0.7	-2.7	-0.7	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	31.7	54.8	26.2	31.6	32.1	176.4
	Change	7.1	6.5	3.0	-3.8	0.4	8%
Total	Curr Wk	139.2	298.7	159.6	193.2	246.3	1,037.0
Percent	Change	0%	-6%	-3%	-11%	5%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,037.0	-3%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	296.2	1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,333.2	-2%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	188.2	185.1	176.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 15, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	147	147	137	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 11, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		13.25		FUTURE LOADS		7.00		TOTAL LOADS		20.25	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	39.00	41.25	—	—	—	46.00	6.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	35.85	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	17.00	—	—	—	—	35.50	37.00	.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/07/02-10/11/02

CURRENT LOADS		132.75		FUTURE LOADS		49.25		TOTAL LOADS		182.00	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	MW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.00	37.50	29.50	31.00	39.00	41.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	38.00	40.38	—	—	—	55.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	58.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	42.00	40.80	42.54	37.49	36.12	—	—	—	47.87	28.25
GL W LG	—	41.14	—	—	35.96	33.78	—	—	—	45.26	31.00
GL W MD	—	29.00	28.35	24.00	27.40	28.50	—	—	29.50	35.60	11.00
GL W SM	22.13	23.75	19.00	20.88	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.50	34.23	—	—	—	—	49.00
NRBS - 45	31.50	—	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.40	17.40	—	25.50	—	—	—	—	7.25
NRBS - 36	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/29/02 - 10/05/02**

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,180	1,180
Colorado	0	0	5,800	5,800
Iowa	4,140	900	45,898	50,938
Michigan	530	0	1,563	2,093
Minnesota	1,590	800	14,348	16,738
Missouri	0	0	1,584	1,584
Montana	0	0	830	830
New Hampshire	0	0	980	980
New York	0	0	761	761
Ohio	0	738	4,031	4,769
Oregon	1,405	8	0	1,413
Texas	0	0	1,725	1,725
Utah	720	730	9,549	10,999
Wisconsin	0	0	1,470	1,470
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,385</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>89,719</b>	<b>101,280</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	75-78	65-68	35-38	19-22

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-60	44-47	41-46	31-35	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
27-30	16-20	6-9

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/07/02	09/30/02	10/08/01
PACIFIC COAST	378	456	314
LOS ANGELES	316	393	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
71.27	66.27	53.27	45.27

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